(d) There has been positive effect of the warnings issued to the Chemists.

(e) to (h) Yes, Sir. Chief Medical Officers (Incharge) of the Dispensaries are monitoring the complaints.

Medical Equipments Lying Idle

7270. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 30th April, 1995 under the caption "Rs. 150 crore worth medical equipment lying idle"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy this situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Electronics have set up 13 Electro-Medical Maintenance Centres in 12 States to provide repair and maintenance facilities for electro-medical equipments.

Effect of Tinned Food

7271. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tinned food, the consumption of which has been gradually increasing among the children in the country, contains lead which is damaging the health of children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that children are particularly vulnerable to damage on account of lead; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, already prescribe maximum limit of lead in various food articles including tinned-food. The limit prescribed is considered to be safe.

Under-Weight Babies Born in the Country

7272. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of under-weight babies born in the country is 33;

(b) whether it is also a fact that malnutrition during pregnancy due to anaemia and vitamin 'A' deficiency are responsible for this;

(c) if so, whether any comprehansive plan is being drawn to counter this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Maternal undernutrition and anaemia are major causes low birth weight babies. The percentage of under weight babies estimated to be around 33.

(c) and (d) Prophylaxis and treatment of anaemia for pregnant women is being improved under the child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme started in 1992-93. The programme which is being implemented in a phased manner will cover all districts by 1996-97. Programmes releated to birth spacing and supplementary nutrition for pregnant women are also being implemented.

Complaints Against the Incharge, C.G.H.S. Dispensary, R.K. Puram

7273. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 644 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and states: